



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.

Meeting Location: Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting
August 3, 2021**

9:03 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Kreitz.

Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, and Peters (Corless, Duggan, and Gardner attended via teleconference).

Supervisors Absent: None.

The Mono County Board of Supervisors stream most of their meetings live on the internet and archives them afterward. To search for a meeting from June 2, 2015 forward, please go to the following link: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Peters.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Proclamation Designating the Month of August 2021 Child Support Awareness Month

Departments: Board of Supervisors, sponsored by Chair Kreitz

(Amy Weurdig, Eastern Sierra Child Support Services Regional Director)

- Each August, Child Support Awareness Month is recognized and celebrated by the 47 County and Regional Child Support offices across California, along with child support offices nationwide. The Eastern Sierra Child Support Services Agency acknowledges the dedication of our child support services team and their hard work in providing a safety net for our local children and families.

Action: Adopt proposed proclamation, designating the month of August 2021 Child Support Awareness Month.

Peters motion. Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-163

Amy Weurdig, Eastern Sierra Child Support Services Regional Director:

- This year, Eastern Sierra Child Support Services is working in partnership with the State of California Department of Child Support Services on a “Get the Facts” campaign
- Celebrating all Child Support workers this month as well

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Strategic Planning with Department Heads
- Governance workshop – Dec 15 and 16
- Worked with County Counsel and Public Works on next steps following receipt of proposals under the Solid Waste RFP
- Met with Department Heads in monthly one-on-one meetings
- Regular calls with County Administrators statewide – discussions around fires and COVID
- Budget process debriefing meetings
- Invited to participate with Supervisors Corless and Gardner in meeting with representatives of Nevada County to discuss experiences so far with JEDI
- Multiple meetings on the construction budget for proposed County Jail
- Participating in calls for Tamarack Fire
- California Fire Safe Council County Coordinator Grant
Held all hands meeting via Zoom – reviewed COVID and status of COVID spread in community, requirements that are forthcoming for County staff and community, opening of Civic Center
- Business roundtable

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Barry Beck, Assessor:

- Update on the roll turnover this year

Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager:

- Follow up on letter Board sent to California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding regulation changes on East Walker River. It will be discussed at the upcoming Commission meeting on August 18

Alicia Vennos, Economic Development Director:

- Camp Like a Pro campaign

- Camp Like a Pro App developed by local Mammoth resident, Euan Cameron, who works with Esri, GIS mapping software company. Euan volunteered his time to help develop the app.
- Social media
- Eastern Sierra business resource center

Ingrid Braun, Sheriff:

- Camp Like a Pro campaign – education seems to be helping
- Several Search and Rescue incidents
- Addressed use of force incident in Inyo County

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Currently down three staff
- Scott Burns, former Community Development Director, is helping the department
- Planning Commission activities – appeal to come before the Board of Supervisors on August 17.
- Received significant specific plan amendment application that will be processed – Rock Creek Ranch property in Paradise
- July 15 and 17, held West Walker River Parkway Project

5. CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

A. Board Minutes - June 8, 2021

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 8, 2021.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 8, 2021.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-164

B. Quarterly Investment Report

Departments: Finance

Investment Report for the Quarter ending 6/30/2021.

Action: Approve the Investment Report for the Quarter ending 6/30/2021.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-165

C. Contract with Caporusso Communications

Departments: CAO

Proposed contract with Caporusso Communications pertaining to public relations and communication services.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-166

D. Authority to Hire Emergency Preparedness Manager at Step C

Departments: Public Health

Authorize the Public Health Director to fill the Emergency Preparedness Manager position at Step C (75C).

Action: Authorize the Public Health Director to hire Ms. Brianne Chappell-McGovern at a C step in the position of Emergency Preparedness Manager.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-167

E. Amendment to Desert Springs Contract Limit for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Departments: Economic Development

Amendment to the Desert Springs contract limit applicable to FY 2020-2021.

Action: Approve Desert Springs contract limit amendment for FY 2020-2021 (see attached draft amendment) using unspent appropriations for fish stocking in FY 2020-2021, and authorize Board Chair to sign the amendment.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-168

F. Ordinance Amending Mono County Code Section 3.52.050 - Assessment Appeals Boards

Departments: Clerk of the Assessment Appeals Board

Proposed ordinance amending Mono County Code Section 3.52.050 to align with changes in state law which eliminated specified qualifications for

members of County Assessment Appeals Boards in counties with populations under 200,000.

Action: Adopt proposed ordinance amending Mono County Code Section 3.52.050 - Assessment Appeals Boards.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

ORD21-05

G. Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.68 of the Mono County Code "Personnel System"

Departments: Human Resources

Ordinance amending Chapter 2.68 of the Mono County Code to reflect the current use of Personnel Rules applicable to individual bargaining units, rather than a codified Personnel System

Action: Adopt proposed ordinance amending Chapter 2.68 of the Mono County Code "Personnel System".

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

ORD21-06

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

A. Letter from Alan Haight and Jo McProud Expressing Concern Regarding Off-Highway Vehicles in the Mammoth Lakes-June Lake Area

A letter from Alan Haight and Jo McProud expressing concern regarding the increasing prevalence of unregulated off-highway vehicles in the Mammoth Lakes-June Lake area of the Inyo National Forest.

Chair Kreitz:

- Inyo National Forest staff working with writers of letter

B. Letter from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Regarding LADWP's Adaptive Management Plan for the Bi-State Sage Grouse in Long Valley

Letter from Cynthia McClain-Hill, President of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners, responding to the letter sent by the Board of

Supervisors on April 20, 2021 regarding LADWP's Adaptive Management Plan for the Bi-State Sage Grouse in Long Valley.

Public Comment:

- Bartshe Miller

Supervisor Corless:

- Board direction to County Counsel's office to draft response

C. Notification of Eastern Sierra Land Trust Application for Second Renewal of Accreditation

Eastern Sierra Land Trust has announced that they are applying for their second renewal of their accreditation with the Land Trust Accreditation Commission and the Land Trust Alliance (LTA). The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands.

D. Application for Alcoholic Beverage License

An application to the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for Alcoholic Beverage License by Krystin Snyder located at 474 S. Landing Rd, Crowley Lake, CA 93546.

E. Letter from Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Board of Directors Regarding Appointments to the Board

A letter from the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Board of Directors notifying the Board of Supervisors of the opportunity to make an appointment to the Tri-Valley Board of Directors by August 24, 2021.

F. Letter from Inyo County Board of Supervisors to Altice USA/Suddenlink Regarding Issues

A letter from the Inyo County Board of Supervisors to Altice/Suddenlink regarding issues related to broadband service in the region.

Break 10:05 AM

Reconvened 10:17 AM

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO, Public Health

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussion of planning for changes to County operations, including, but not limited to: status of emergency declarations; returning to in-person County meetings; returning remote employees to work.

Action: None.

Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos/page/board-supervisors-123>)
- 7-day metrics, June/July metrics, CDC Indicators and Thresholds for Community Transmission of COVID-19 to Guide Masks for Public Indoor Settings Based on Vaccination Status
- Mono County masking requirement for vaccinated and unvaccinated person in public indoor spaces
- Vaccine effectiveness, 16 breakthrough cases
- Combating the Delta variant
- Booster shots
- Gatherings – indoors vs outdoors
- Follow up with IT – breakthrough cases and regions

Supervisor Peters:

- Does not believe that employees or small business should be the enforcers of the mask mandate
- Questioned the necessity of having the mask mandate at this time

Chair Kreitz:

- Questioned why CDPH has not issued a mask mandate
- Believes that we should maintain consistency with CDPH recommendation
- Confusing to the public
- Conflating case rates and morbidity and severe illness

Supervisor Gardner:

- This mask mandate is about ensuring the public health of our residents
- The fundamental reason why we do these things is to take care of people

Supervisor Corless:

- Echo Supervisor Gardner's statements and support Public Health Officer and Director in this decision

Supervisor Duggan:

- Appreciate Public Health giving small community time to react to mandate
- Encourage adding a section to the COVID-19 website showing a breakdown of where these breakthrough cases in the community are happening

B. Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations

Departments: Mountain View Fire Emergency Operations Center

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Review of continuing need for Board of Supervisor's November 17, 2020, Declaration of Local Emergency of and Mono County Health Officer's November 19, 2020, Declaration of Local Health Emergency for the Mountain View Fire.

Action: Find that there is a need to continue the local state of emergency declared on November 17, 2020 and/or the local health

emergency declared on November 19, 2020 (ratified by the Board on November 24, 2020).

Peters motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-169

Justin Nalder, EOC Director:

- All but one of the parcels that was in the State funded program from CalOES has been returned to the owner.
- Continue to coordinate with tribal entities
- Approximately eight properties not part of State funded program – continue to work internally how to best address those
- Working on after action report

**C. PUBLIC HEARING: General Plan Amendment 21-01 (GPA 21-01):
Safety Element, Land Use Element Cleanup & Chapter 16, Accessory Dwelling Units Update**

Departments: Community Development

(Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst) - Proposed ordinance for modifications to the Safety Element and Chapter 16 of the Land Use Element (Accessory Dwelling Units), and minor changes to the Land Use Element.

Action:

- 1) Hold a public hearing on GPA 21-01, the associated Addendum to the General Plan Environmental Impact Report, and receive testimony, deliberate, and make any desired modifications; and
- 2) Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed revised Ordinance making the required findings, certifying the Addendum, and adopting General Plan Amendment 21-01.

Gardner motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-170

Public Hearing Opened: 11:05 AM

Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst:

- Presented item

Public Hearing Closed: 11:12 AM

D. Contract Approval for Prescriptive Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Design

Departments: Community Development

(Jason Davenport, Building Inspector) - Proposed contract with RRM Design Group pertaining to engineering and architectural services.

Action: Approve County entry into revised contract with RRM Design Group with amendment to contract term to December 31, 2022.

Gardner motion. Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-171

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Presented item
- Correction to contract – terms December 31, 2022

E. Approval of Contract between Mono County and EcoShift for Services Related to Updates to Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) Standards

Departments: Community Development

(Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst) - Proposed contract with EcoShift Consulting pertaining to services related to updates to Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) standards.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Gardner motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-172

Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst:

- Presented item

F. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Year End Clean Up Budget Adjustment

Departments: Finance, CAO

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director, Megan M. Chapman, Accountant II) - During the year-end process of closing the accounting records, approval from the Board of Supervisors is required when budgeted appropriations are estimated insufficient to cover actual spending incurred by County Departments and where other administrative remedies to reallocate budgeted amounts within budget units is not available or inefficient to do so.

Action: Approve and direct the Finance Director to make the FY 2020-2021 year-end budget clean-up adjustments as recommended in revised Attachment A.

Peters motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-173

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Seven distinct adjustments this year

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

Moved to Item 10.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 11:55 AM

Reconvened: 12:34 PM

No action to report out of Closed Session.

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Frievalt. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39 - majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO). Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session – Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: County of Mono v. Amerisourcebergen Drug Corp., Cardinal Health, McKesson Corporation, Purdue Pharma L.P., Purdue Pharma, Inc, The Purdue Frederick Co., Inc. et al., U.S. Dist. Court for Eastern California, Case No. 2:18- cv-00149-MCEKJN.

C. Closed Session – Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: County of Mono v. Ernesto Bravo and Elvira Bravo, Mono County Superior Court Case No. CV 200072.

D. Closed Session - Initiation of Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: One.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- Listened in on California Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting regarding State and Congressional level redistricting
- We had a meeting to discuss the Mammoth Lakes Highway 395 Wildlife Crossing Project and funding opportunities that we're planning to pursue in partnership with Eastern Sierra Land Trust and CalTrans
- Meetings about the California Fire Safe Council County Coordinator Grant opportunity
- Participated in Nevada County meeting regarding JEDI program
- Appreciate Supervisor Gardner solely representing Mono County at the YARTS meeting

Supervisor Duggan:

- 07/21/21– I attended the TGMD meeting discussing board vacancies and preparation for the upcoming OVGA meeting. The Board of Supervisors will need to appoint an interested party to board by August 24; otherwise, the vacancy will go to ballot in the next available election.
- 7/22/21 – I participated in the OVGA meeting. We took extensive public comment and gave feedback on the draft GSP Management actions and project as they pertain to the Tri Valley portion of the plan. Thanks to Emily Fox for her participation and assistance to the TVGMD.
- 7/27/21 – I attended the Economic Development, Tourism and Film Commission meeting along with Supervisor Peters. Discussion included a foreign travel outlook, Business Development grant opportunities for small business, and the Fish Enhancement Funding.
- The CSA1 Advisory Board met that same evening and will be bringing project to the Board for funding approval.
- 7/28/21 – I attended a memorial service for former District Attorney George Booth. It was a great expression of love and remembrance from friends and family and a recognition of service to the community.
- 8/02/21 – I attended the Mammoth Lakes Lodging Association meeting. Kendra Knight of Waste Management gave a short but very informative presentation on recycling mandated for multifamily and lodging properties. There was also much discussion among committee members regarding possible COVID-19 regulations and compliance.
- 8/02/21– I attended an All Hands meeting of staff and administration to discuss new in-person working procedures and regulation to protect staff and the public from COVID-19 spread.
- 8/3/21 – I attended the Mammoth Lakes Business Roundtable discussion. There was good community feedback and questions regarding the effect of possible shutdowns and quarantines on local businesses.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Wednesday July 21 I participated in three meetings. These included:
 - A meeting of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council. We approved by-laws for the Council.
 - A meeting of the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council. We continue to work on various grant ideas and other projects.
 - A meeting of the June Lake Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is concerned about parking in the village area and is working on some fall events.

- On Sunday July 25 I attended a dinner with the Yosemite Area Transit Authority Board of Directors in Mammoth, and then on Monday the 26th I chaired the YARTS regular Board meeting. We discussed several items including the preparation of an RFP for a new contract for providing bus support for YARTS. Ridership is increasing on YARTS buses and riders do not have to have reservations to enter the park.
- On Saturday July 31 I attended a program at the Mono Basin Scenic Visitor Center as a part of World Ranger Day. This is an annual event that celebrates public and private land rangers all over the world and remembers those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Most all jurisdictions that employ rangers in the Eastern Sierra were represented.
- Finally, yesterday I participated with Supervisor Corless in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. We heard several updates on various grant projects and updates from each of the partner agencies.

Chair Kreitz:

- July 29th I attended the MLT Community Coffee meeting in the morning and later in the day I attended a HCD webinar on their new Prohousing Designation for jurisdictions.
- Monday, August 2, I participated in the MLH Board meeting. We received an update on the funding for the Access Apartments, as well as a programs update from staff and a marketing update. MLH will turn 20 years old next year and is undergoing a re-branding effort.

Supervisor Peters:

- Attended Tourism Commission meeting and Tamarack Fire briefing meeting
- Attended IMACA meeting on 22nd and received update on housing projects and organizational changes. In addition to assisting with acquiring the trailers for victims of the Mountain View Fire, IMACA was also able to acquire 20+ trailers to be used for homeless clients in Inyo.
- Met with Eastern Sierra Land Trust Executive Director Kay Ogden regarding their plans to hold an outdoor event on September 11 – 20th Anniversary of their Lands and Legacy Dinner. Recognizing participants in the land trust program.
- Tamarack Fire experience

Moved to Item 9.

ADJOURNED AT 12:35 PM.

ATTEST

**JENNIFER KREITZ
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**